Shriram Test House;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the pads supplied by APPL are still being supplied and used by the Railway endangering the safety of rail users; and

(c) whether a CBI enquiry is proposed to be ordered by Government into this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) The testing at I.I.T., Bombay and Shriram Test House was not in accordance with the Indian Railways Standard Specifications.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Rubber pads supplied by APPL are as per Indian Railway Standard Specifications duly inspected by Research, Designs & Standards Organisation, Ministry of Railways.

(c) No, Sir.

Cancellation of Trains

1184. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of passenger trains have been cancelled recently to move freight traffic; and

(b) if so, the names of passenger trains cancelled zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of Railway stations in Delhi during the ASIAD

@1185. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of public funds invested in the construction of railway stations in the territory of Delhi for the ASIAD;

(b) whether the investment made has been practically wasted and, contrary to original intentions, no use is now being made of these railway stations; and

(c) whether it is a fact that corresponding shuttle bus services were withdrawn; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Rs. 156.29 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir. The stations built up are in use by the passengers on Ring Railway.

(c) Initially, Delhi Trasnport Corporation introduced special bus services in 4 routes, which were subsequently increased to 23. However, 11 Specials were withdrawn later, because of low patronisation and less revenue, resulting in uneconomic operation.

Konkan Railway Project

1186. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on Goan segment of Konkan Railways project is bogged down due to resistance from vested interests in Goa;

(b) whether it is a fact that the project has been cleared by two expert committees and that a writ petition by the vested interests for realignment of the route was turned down by the High Court; and

(c) whether Government ensure that the project is implemented as planned to avoid cost and time overruns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A special Leave petition on the High Court judgement was also dismissed by the Supreme Court.

(c) Yes, Sir subject to availability of funds.

@Previously Unstarred Question 627, transferred from 26th February, 1993.